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E.O. 11652: GD;

TAGS: CASC, SOPN, SY

SUBJECT: MICHAEL TANNENBAUM

REF: A) DAMASCUS 2824; B) BEIRUT 2776; C) TEL AVIV 6375

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH KANSAS CITY STAR (KENNETH CANFIELD) WHICH HAS INFORMED US THAT TANNENBAUM OCCASIONALLY SELLS ARTICLES TO PAPER ON A FREE LANCE BASIS. CANFIELD LETTER FROM STAR (REFTEL B) MADE CLEAR THAT THIS IS HIS STATUS. UPON HEARING TENNENBAUM'S SITUATION AND PLANS, CANFIELD RECOMMENDED THAT TANNENBAUM IMMEDIATELY DEPART SYRIA AND THAT HE BE SO ADVISED ON BEHALF OF CANFIELD. CANFIELD ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE TANNENBAUM IS NOT EMPLOYEE OF STAR, PAPER HAS NO CONTROL OVER HIS MOVEMENTS. WE HAVE NOT CONTACTED SAN DIEGO JOURNAL OR NEW LEADER (REFTEL A)
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SINCE HIS REGISTRATION IN LEBANON APPARENTLY BASED ONLY UPON LETTER FROM CANFIELD.

2. BASED UPON CANFIELD RECOMMENDATION AND REFTEL C, WE DOUBT EMBASSY HAS SUFFICIENT BASIS ON WHICH TO WRITE REQUESTED LETTER TO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER OR NOT SIMPLE LETTER

CONFIRMING HIS ACCREDITATION IN LEBANON AND STATING THAT HE OCCASIONALLY SUBMITS ARTICLES TO, BUT IS NOT EMPLOYED BY, STAR, WOULD PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME PROTECTION WITH SARG

AUTHORITIES . SHOULD HE RUN AFOUL OF SECURITY AUTHORITIES, EMBASSY SHOULD IN ANY CASE BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS FOR HIS EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE AND DEPARTURE.

3. EMBASSY TOOK PROPER LINE IN CAUTIONING AND ADVISING TANNENBAUM (PARA 3, REFTEL A).

4. GIVEN WHAT HE HAS TOLD US REGARDING HIS EXPERIENCE IN LEBANON, THE FACT THAT TANNENBAUM IS IN SYRIA WITHOUT RECOGNIZED PRESS CREDENTIALS, AND THE SENSITIVITIES OF HIS PLANNED PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTRY, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TANNENBAUM'S SECURITY. EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN URGE HIM IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO DEPART WITHOUT DELAY, EMPLOYING REASONS IN REFTEL A AND CANFIELD RECOMMENDATION. YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT HIS RETURN AT A LATER TIME, FOLLOWING A COOLING OFF PERIOD, MIGHT BE ARRANGED AND SUGGEST THAT HE CONTACT EMBASSY DAMASCUS FOR READING AT THAT TIME ON APPROPRIATE TIME FOR VISIT.

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